Report against Mr. Gopalakrishna Aiyar, Assistant Professor of English, Science College.

270. **MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state what has become of the report submitted by the Director of Public Instruction about certain cases against Mr. G. Gopalakrishna Aiyar, M. A., Assistant Professor of English, His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Science, and what action the Government have taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report is under the consideration of the Government.

Wireless equipment for the Observatory.

271. **MR V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they purchased wireless materials at the instance of the Astronomer, Dr. H. Subrahmanya Aiyar, of the Observatory;

(*b*) the cost of the articles purchased;

(*c*) whether the articles were purchased from Dr. H. P. Waren of the Presidency College, Madras, and, if not, the name of the firm from whom these were purchased;

(*d*) whether the voucher furnished in the first instance was from Dr. Waren;

(*e*) whether the Account Office required a proper voucher from some firms dealing in those materials;

(*f*) whether they are convinced that the materials purchased are fresh from the manufacturers;

(*g*) whether they obtained quotations from different manufacturers before these materials were actually purchased, and, if not, why;

(*h*) if they will enquire whether the same sort of materials were purchased for the Science College and whether prices and qualities are the same;

(*i*) whether they will lay on the table all papers connected with the purchase of wireless materials for the Observatory;

(*j*) whether the Astronomer, Dr. H. Subrahmanya Aiyar, has recommended to the Government the purchase of a few copies of a book published by Dr. H. P. Waren;

(*k*) whether these books have been ordered or purchased;

(*l*) how many copies have been purchased; and

(*m*) the need for purchasing more copies than one or two?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The cost of one Universal Wireless Receiving Set, covering wave-lengths 20-30000 meters specially made to the specifications of Dr. Paramesvaran for time-signal work, complete with valves, etc., in blackwood cabinet, supplied by the General Service Company, Egmore, is Rs. 500.

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[Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai.]

The cost of other accessories supplied by the English Electric Company and the General Service Company, Madras, is Rs. 330-8-0.

(*c*) No. The articles were purchased from the undernoted firms through Dr. H. Paramesvaran with the sanction of the Government:—

1. The English Electric Company, Madras.
2. The General Service Company, Do.

(*d*) Yes. Dr. Paramesvaran sent his voucher for the Receiving Set alone which was made under his supervision, as the order was placed through him. For the materials and accessories, the firms which supplied them sent their vouchers.

(*e*) The Account Officer asked for the vouchers of the firm who sold the set and the same were supplied.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) No. The requirement of a Wireless Set at the Observatory was for time-signal work, and in the case of a Wireless Set assembled for this purpose there is the guarantee of its efficient working, which may not be the case if a ready made set intended mainly for other purposes and usually available with firms, was ordered without previous test. It was for this reason that quotations from firms were not called for.

(*h*) The same sort of materials as were purchased for the Observatory were not purchased for the Science College.

(*i*) The correspondence* on the subject is laid on the table.

(*j*) No.

(*k*) (*l*) and (*m*). These questions do not arise, in view of the answer to part (*j*).

Copyists of the Land Revenue Department.

272. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of a petition from the copyists of the Tiruvalla Taluk Cutcherry stating their grievances for not enlisting them as permanent employes of the Land Revenue Department;

(*b*) whether the services of copyists are indispensable in Taluk Cutcherries;

(*c*) whether the Government will incur any loss, if they are made permanent; and

(*d*) whether they will consider the matter and redress the grievances of the copyists by making their services permanent and pensionable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

* *Vide* Appendix V-pages 511—515.

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